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## JOURNAL OF THE STATISTICAL SOCIETY,

JUNE, 1864.

REPORT of the COUNCIL for the FINANCIAL YEAR ended 31st December, 1863, and for the SESSIONAL YEAR ended March, 1864, presented at the THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY MEETING of the STATISTICAL SOCIETY, held at the Society's Rooms, 12, St. James's Square, on Tuesday, 15th March, 1864; with the PROCEEDINGS of that Meeting.

COLONEL W. H. SYKES, M.P., F.R.S., *President, in the Chair.*

THE Council have much pleasure in placing before the Fellows of the Statistical Society upon this the *thirtieth* anniversary a brief report of the proceedings of the past year.

The number of Fellows now on the list (March, 1864) is 357, including 63 Life Members — against 368 (including 67 Life Members) at the same date last year. The losses by death, withdrawal, and default have been 27; the new elections are 16. In 1862-63 the losses were 35; and the new elections, 26.

The Income of the Year ended 31st December, 1863 (exclusive of the balance of 233*l.* from 1862), was 766*l.* (against 770*l.* in 1862); and the expenditure was 669*l.* (against 763 in 1862), leaving a Cash Balance, on 31st December, 1863, of 330*l.* (against 233*l.* at the end of 1862).

The Surplus of Assets, on the 31st December, 1863, was 1,767*l.*, after providing for all Liabilities; on 31st December, 1862, it was 1,720*l.* These figures afford the best evidence of the satisfactory condition of the Society's finances.

No diminution has been experienced in the number, variety, or importance of the subjects which, during the past year, have been brought under the notice of the Society. The following Papers were read at the Monthly Meetings:—

March, 1863.—*Mr. Walford.*—Recent Financial and Taxation Statistics of the United States.

April,     ,,     *Mr. Frederick Purdy.*—The Expenditure of the United Kingdom for Colonial Purposes.

- May, 1863.—*Major-General Tulloch, K.C.B.*—On the Pay and Income of the British Soldier, as compared with the Rate of Agricultural Wages.
- June, „ *Dr. Guy.*—On Sufficient and Insufficient Dietaries, with especial Reference to the Dietaries of Prisoners.
- Nov., „ *Mr. H. J. Chapman.*—The Industrial Progress of Victoria as connected with its Gold Mining.
- „ „ *Mr. Hendriks.*—On the Progress of Official Statistics in the Netherlands, with a New Dutch Life Table, by Dr. von Baumhauer.
- Dec. „ *Professor Rogers (Oxford).*—On the Continuous Price of Wheat for 102 Years (1380-1481).
- „ „ *Colonel Sykes.*—On Edibles and Potables in 1506.
- Jan., 1864.—*Professor Hind.*—On the Commercial Progress and Resources of Central British North America.
- Feb., „ *Mr. W. L. Sargant.*—On certain Defects and Results of the Registrar-General's Reports.

The Thirty-third Meeting of the British Association was held at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in August last. Mr. Tite, M.P., one of the Fellows of this Society, was President of that Section which is devoted to the study and discussion of questions of Economic Science and Statistics. Several papers were contributed to the Section by our own Fellows, and one in particular by the President of this Society, of a very elaborate and practical character, upon the comparative cost of the English and French armies. This paper, upon a subject of special interest at the present time, will be found in the March number of the *Journal*.

The National Association for the Promotion of Social Science met in Edinburgh, under the Presidency of Lord Brougham, in the early part of October last. The Fellows have been already informed by Mr. Walford, who attended the Meeting as one of the Delegates of the Statistical Society, of the success which as usual attended the researches of that cosmopolitan body. Mr. Walford was struck by the large application of statistical methods to the investigation of topics brought under the notice of the various Sections assembled at Edinburgh.

The International Statistical Congress met at Berlin in September last. Mr. Samuel Brown, who was a Delegate from this Society, has already told us of the proceedings of that Meeting. The Delegates sent to the Congress by Her Majesty's Government were Dr. Farr, Mr. Hammick, and Mr. Valpy. The Report presented by each of those gentlemen to the Congress is published in our *Journal*.

The Council are happy to say that, during the past year, the useful task of preparing a General Index to those volumes of the *Journal*, ten in number, which have been published since 1852, has been successfully accomplished, at a cost which has been entirely limited to the charge for printing; and, consequently, it can be supplied to the Members at an extremely moderate price. At the same time the Council have deemed it advisable to reduce the price of the Index to the first fifteen volumes to half the original charge.

In conclusion, the Council beg to assure the Fellows that it will be their endeavour to maintain the usefulness of the Society by extending its numbers and influence.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the Report, together with the Abstract of Receipts and Payments and the Auditors' Report.

The Resolution having been seconded was carried unanimously.

A Ballot was then taken for the election of a President, Council, and Officers for the ensuing twelvemonths, and the following was declared to be the list, viz.:—

#### COUNCIL AND OFFICERS FOR 1864-65.

##### *President.*

COLONEL W. H. SYKES, M.P., F.R.S.

##### *Council.*

Charles Babbage, M.A., F.R.S.

*Colonel George Balfour*

James Bird, M.D.

Sir John Boileau, Bart., F.R.S.

Samuel Brown

William Camps, M.D.

*James Caird, M.P.*

*Edwin Chadwick, C.B.*

*Leonard Henry Courtney*

William Farr, M.D., D.C.L., F.R.S.

Right Hon. Earl Fortescue

William Augustus Guy, M.B.

James Thomas Hammick

Frederick Hendriks

James Heywood, F.R.S.

William Barwick Hodge

Charles Jellicoe

Leone Levi, F.S.A.

William Golden Lumley, LL.M.

The Right Hon. Holt Mackenzie,  
F.R.G.S.

Matthew Henry Marsh, M.P.

Right Hon. Lord Monteagle, F.R.S.

*Sir Roderick Impey Murchison,*  
*K.C.B., G.C.St.S., D.C.L., LL.D*

William Newmarch, F.R.S.

Frederick Purdy

Colonel W. H. Sykes, M.P., F.R.S.

*W. Tite, M.P.*

Major-General Sir A. M. Tulloch,  
K.C.B.

Richard Valpy

Cornelius Walford

Rev. William Whewell, D.D., F.R.S.

*The names of the New Members of the Council are given in Italics.*

##### *Treasurer.*

William Farr, M.D., D.C.L., F.R.S.

##### *Honorary Secretaries.*

William Augustus Guy, M.B.

| William Golden Lumley, LL.M.

Frederick Purdy.

Mr. Taylor moved a vote of thanks to the President, Council, and Officers, for their services during the past year, which was carried unanimously.

At the motion of Mr. James Heywood, and seconded by Dr. Farr, it was unanimously resolved:—

“ That the Fellows desire to call the attention of the  
“ Council to the recent amalgamation of the Social Science  
“ Association with the Society for the Amendment of the  
“ Law, by which opportunities will probably be afforded of  
“ occasional large assemblies in London on subjects connected  
“ with Social Science, Economic Science, and Statistics.”

A vote of thanks to the Chair brought the proceedings to a close.

The following is the Report of the Auditors:—

“ STATISTICAL SOCIETY,

“ 12, ST. JAMES’S SQUARE,

“ London, 8th March, 1864.

“ The Auditors appointed to examine the Accounts of the Statistical Society for the year 1863

“ REPORT :—

“ That they have carefully compared the Entries in the Books, with the several Vouchers for the same, from the 1st January to the 31st December, 1863, and find them correct. The *Receipts* (including the Balance from 1862, 232*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.*) have been 999*l.* 9*s.* -*d.*, and the *Payments* 668*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.*, being a Balance in favour of the Society of 330*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.*

“ They have also examined the statement of *Assets* and *Liabilities* prepared by the Council; the *former* amount to 1,917*l.* 13*s.* 5*d.*, and the *latter* to 150*l.* 7*s.* -*d.*,—showing a Balance in favour of the Society of 1,767*l.* 6*s.* 5*d.*

“ They also find that at the end of 1862, the number of Fellows was 368, of whom 10 Died, 15 Resigned, and 2 are Defaulters, making in all 27, and 16 new Fellows were elected during the year, leaving 357 as the number of Fellows on the list, on the 31st December, 1863.

(Signed)

“ CORNELIUS WALFORD, }  
“ HENRY G. BOHN, } *Auditors.*  
“ R. C. GRIFFITH, }

The statement of Receipts and Payments, and Assets and Liabilities, is as follows:—

(I.)—RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS of the STATISTICAL SOCIETY for the YEAR 1863.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance in Bank, 31st December, 1862..	232	19 4	Rent.....	75	- -
1863.			Salaries .....	174	10 -
Dividends.....	26	1 3	Printing <i>Journal</i> .....	£270	14 6
Subscriptions:—			Advertising „ .....	21	17 6
279 for 1863 at £2 2s. . .	£585	18 -		292	12 -
1 „ 1864 „ 2 2s. . .	2	2 -	Library .....	26	1 9
Arrears—8 „ 2 2s. . .	16	16 -	Index to vol. xxvi of <i>Journal</i> .....	4	4 -
	604	16 -	Stationery and Sundry Printing ....	38	13 3
Composition .....	21	- -	Postage.....	18	16 10
<i>Journal</i> Sales .....	£88	2 5	Ordinary Meetings.....	24	3 6
„ Advertisements....	26	10 -	Fire and Light .....	2	9 3
	114	12 5	Incidental .....	12	9 1
			Balance in Bank, } £329 13 5		
			carried to 1864 ..		
			Balance of Petty } - 15 11		
			Cash in hands of }		
			Assist. Secretary . }	330	9 4
	£999	9 -		£999	9 -

(II.)—BALANCE SHEET of ASSETS and LIABILITIES on 31st DECEMBER, 1863.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Printing <i>Journal</i> for Dec., } 1863 .....	76	4 3	Cash Balance .....	329	13 5		
Printing General Index to } last Ten Volumes of } <i>Journal</i> .....	49	18 -	Investments:—				
Stationery and Sundry } Printing .....	9	6 9	3 per Cent. Consols } (32 <i>l.</i> 1 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i> )... }	cost	£300		
	135	9 -	New 3 per Cents. } (569 <i>l.</i> 17 <i>s.</i> )..... }	„	567		
Advertising Dec. <i>Journal</i> ..	10	14 -		867	- -		
Index to vol. xxvi (1863)....	4	4 -	Property (Estimated Value):—				
	14	18 -	Books in Library.....	£400			
Balance in favour of Society ....	1,767	6 5	<i>Journals</i> in Stock .....	200			
	£1,917	13 5	Furniture .....	100			
				700	- -		
			Arrears due and recoverable (say) ..	21	- -		
				£1,917	13 5		